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a video display providing a video image overlaying [superimposed upon] the reels, the video image interacting with the symbols on the reels.

6. (Amended) The slot machine of claim 5 [1], further including a partially reflective mirror overlaying one or more of the reels, the video display and the partially reflective mirror being relatively positioned to project the virtual image in front of the reels between the reels and a player.

14. (Amended) A spinning reel slot machine, comprising:

a plurality of mechanical rotatable reels that, in response to a wager, are rotated and stopped to randomly place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area; and
a transmissive video display positioned in front of the reels and displaying a video image overlaying [superimposed upon] the reels, the video image interacting with the symbols on the reels.

21. (Amended) A method of operating a spinning reel slot machine, comprising:

receiving a wager;
rotating and stopping a plurality of mechanical rotatable reels to randomly place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area; and
overlaying [superimposing upon] the reels with a video image provided by a video display, the video image interacting with the symbols on the reels.